

REPORT OF CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

In accordance with previous announcement the State Conference of California met in the Congregational church at Turlock, 3 P. M. April 2, 1896, brother H. R. Holsinger in the chair. After the opening hymn, devotional exercises were conducted by J. P. Wolfe.

The report of committee on permanent organization as follows:

Moderator,	H. R. Holsinger.
Vice Moderator,	S. J. Harrison.
Secretary,	Laura A. Wolfe.
Ass't Secretary,	I. Johnson.
Treasurer,	J. H. Gardner.

The following committees were appointed: Committee on Credentials, on Queries, on Resolutions, on College, on Publishing House and Literature, on Mission Work, and on Campmeetings.

The query, "If one of our members is called to the ministry, when should he be ordained?" was answered, "as soon as called."

A committee appointed by the chair submitted the following resolution:—A Brethren church is properly organized for all secular purposes when it has a regularly elected Board of Trustees as required by the state in which it is located, a chairman, a secretary and a treasurer and is fully organized for all purposes when it has at least one elder, and one deacon and its efficiency is greatly enhanced by a plurality of elders and deacons and a pastor.

The committee on College Publishing House and Literature reported the following: It is the sense of this committee that the Pacific Conference should pay its assessed portion of the College indebtedness and that the Conference take such action as will accomplish the purpose. To facilitate and forward the action of the Conference on the College business, it was moved that a committee of three persons be appointed to apportion an amount to each congregation of the Conference. The amount was apportioned as follows:

Lathrop,	\$100.00
Turlock,	85.00
Vernalis,	55.00
Rosena,	10.00
Altamont,	10.00
Chaparral,	10.00
Scattered,	30.00
Total,	\$300.00

The following motion was carried:

1. This Conference asks that the Book and Tract committee present to the National Conference annual statements of the business of the Publishing House showing the income of the various publi-

cations separately, also an itemized bill of expense; and that the same be published in the BRETHREN EVANGELIST immediately thereafter.

2. That the Book and Tract committee collect and publish annually in pamphlet form the minutes accepted by the various District Conferences together with that of the National Conference, beginning with the year 1894, and that the same be carefully indexed.

3. That a copy of the same be sent to a representative of each family in the brotherhood, and that the expense of said publication be met by each district paying such a part as the families represented in it are of the entire number of families in the church.

Conference also passed the following motion: In view of the fact that the Brethren church is without any published history, and that those who are sufficiently acquainted with its inception and primary organization, and in possession of the necessary data to compile and edit such a work are pressing against the border lines of human activity. I, S. J. Harrison, move that this Conference urge our beloved brother, H. R. Holsinger, the veteran editor so pre-eminently qualified by his large experience in literary work, and by his possession of the most complete files of church publications in the brotherhood and by his personal identification with all of the most important steps in the progress of the church, to prepare and publish under such title as he might deem most appropriate, a work giving the origin, organization, and development of the Brethren church at the earliest possible date consistent with the thoroughness of a church classic.

The Campmeeting committee reported as follows: That we hold our annual Campmeeting at Koch's grove near Ripon commencing September 10, 1896, and continuing over two Sundays;

That we recommend the continuation of the Boarding Hall at the rates charged for meals in 1895;

That we procure the services of some competent minister to assist in the work of the meeting and that means be secured for the same;

That an effort be made to interest our young people in the social and praise meeting;

That a large tent be secured to hold morning and evening services;

That we have one session of the Brethren Sunday-school at 2 P. M., on the second Saturday;

That the second Friday, 2 P. M., be devoted to Temperance work;

That the committee consisting of J. P.

Wolfe, J. H. Gardner, Richard Brown, D. W. Ronk, Ed Reynolds, B. G. Frederick and H. E. Wolfe be instructed to carry out whatever is necessary to insure the best interests of the meeting.

The following motion was carried: That the names of our State officers of the Pacific District be sent to the EVANGELIST to be put in our National Church Directory.

Conference voted to hold the session of 1897 at Vernalis, April 11.

The following resolutions were submitted:

1. We are thankful for the use of the Congregational church at Turlock, in which to hold our Conference; to our brethren, sisters and friends for their hospitality; and to God for making it possible for us to meet and enjoy this Conference.

2. That twenty cents be collected from each sister of the district, to be paid to sister Ada Cardwell to be forwarded to sister Sarah Keim, Ashland, Ohio, for the support of the Theological Chair in the College.

3. That the members seek to locate themselves and families so as to enjoy regular communion services, the association and fellowship of the Brethren.

LAURA A. WOLFE, Sec.

COMMUNION NOTICE.

The brethren composing the Maple Grove church, Delaware county, Ind., will hold their communion service on Monday evening May 11. Come with us and enjoy the service.

WM. W. SUMMERS, Pastor.

The Brethren of Milford, Ind., will hold their communion service on Thursday evening, May 14. Come and enjoy the meeting with us. G. W. RENCH.

THE CARLETON CHURCH.

Last Wednesday night two more were received into the church by baptism, a head of a family and a young lady. Refreshing rains have visited our earth and there is no drouth in the church.

JOHN DUKE McFADEN.

MILFORD, IND.

We are glad to state to the readers of the EVANGELIST that we have recently had five more additions to our forces; three by letter, one by relation and one applicant for baptism. Every department of our work is becoming more and more efficient in helping the fallen and pointing them to the "Lamb that taketh away the sin of the world." May the standard of righteousness be raised in all workers for Christ is my prayer.

G. W. RENCH.

April 20, 1896.